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Council could be losing 1,000 jobs

AROUND 1,000 jobs could be lost at Worcestershire County Council following budget cuts announced last week.

The local authority needs to save between £60-70million over the next four years but has pledged to reduce compulsory cuts and redundancies where possible.

Fifty-seven proposals aimed at making cuts of £43million have been outlined, with further planned savings expected to be announced next year following more detailed government plans on funding.

Leader steps down after allegations

A NEW leader of Worcestershire County Council will be announced next week following the resignation of Dr George Lord's over allegations of inappropriate behaviour towards staff.

The 78-year-old Conservative, who had been leader of the council since 2001, has also stepped down as an Alvechurch ward councillor with immediate effect.

Deputy leader Adrian Hardman will stay in temporary charge of the local authority until Dr Lord's successor is announced at a meeting next Thursday (18).

Councillor Hardman said he would be supporting staff involved in the allegations.

"Over the course of the last week some allegations of inappropriate behaviour towards staff have been made against Dr George Lord, leader of Worcestershire County Council," he said. "As is normal practice in these circumstances the individual against whom any allegations are being made is presented with the information when it is at an unsub-

stantiated stage. Dr Lord recognised the disruption this situation could cause to the work of the council and decided to resign from the council with immediate effect on Saturday November 6.

"My focus, with the support of both elected members and officers, will be on supporting the staff involved in these allegations and importantly maintaining the momentum within the council to meet the challenges it faces in the current economic climate."

FREE PARKING ON THE CARDS

Sports day full of fun

YOUNGSTERS kept warm in the chill of autumn with a traditional sports day.

It was part of the 10th anniversary celebrations at Wyre Forest-based The Community Housing Group. Events took place at play areas across Kidderminster, Bewdley and Stourport.

Children aged between seven and 15 were asked to form teams of five to enter a sports challenge and take part in competitions such as the sack race, the egg and spoon race and tug of war.

The events took place with the help of Neighbourhood Wardens and local residents who kept the scores.

Ray Brookes, chief executive of the housing group, said: "We believe that taking part in competitions which are designed to encourage teamwork and fair play is extremely important for children's development and helps them to grow into well balanced adults."



Katie Cook, Shannon Borg's, Alfie Donders and Patrick Borg's, from Whizz Kids, St Bartholemews School, Stourport, with, back from left: Justin Bryant, from Walshe Community Partnership, Neighbourhood Warden, Anthony Woodyard and community team Leader Steve Frost as they enjoy a day of fun and sports

SHOPPERS could get one hour's free parking under new proposals being considered by Wyre Forest District Council. Car parks on the outskirts of Kidderminster, Stourport and Bewdley would all benefit from the scheme, which was due to be discussed by cabinet next week.

Identical charges would also be applied across the three towns if the plans go through, with short-stays encouraged in central areas and longer stays at out-lying car parks.

Parking across the district is being reassessed by the council, which introduced charges in Vale Road and The Avenue in Blake-down last month.

Bewdley parking permits were also scrapped in what was called the first phase of the review, with this week's discussions taking part of the second phase.

Wyre Forest District Council's cabinet member for housing and environmental services, Marcus Hart, said he was particularly delighted to announce the free one hour proposal.

Fairness

"I am pleased to be able to bring forward this second phase of our review of car parking so soon after the October 1 changes were introduced so that people can now see the complete picture," he said.

"The changes we are proposing follow the principles of consistency, fairness and equity that were the touchstones of the first phase of the review.

"I hope that our innovative

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main towns in the same way will be well received by councillors, residents and businesses alike and I look forward to presenting the proposals for the first time at our meeting on November 16.

"I am particularly delighted to be able to announce a proposed one hour free car parking on a number of car parks throughout the three towns.

"I hope this will be well received by residents and businesses alike."

It is proposed that after the cabinet meeting next Tuesday the plans will be subjected to a thorough scrutiny by the council's corporate resources committee.

They would then be reported back to cabinet in January in time for consideration by the full council the following month, where a final decision is expected.

If the plans go through they would come into effect from October 2011.



Getting ready to paint at Barnardo's Riverside Childrens Centre, Bewdley are, from the front, Luca Evans, Daniel Roath, twins Daisey and Evie Curtis and Jacob Dent

Arty way to amuse young

A CHILDREN'S centre in Bewdley kept youngsters busy during the recent half term with a series of arty activities. Annual national event The Big Draw, which aims to connect people with their local community, was run by Barnardo's.

Its Riverside Children's Centre, in Stourport Road, hosted a free day of events for children aged up to eight.

Other sessions in the week included Early Movers, Chatterbox, Brunch Club, Baby Club and Mucky Pups.

Sarah Pugh, family support worker at the centre, said: "We had lots of fun using handprints to create a big cat picture, as well as experimenting with lots of different art materials."

The centre is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

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Store customers boost community centre

WYRE Forest Day Opportunities has benefited from a donation from convenience store chains Nisa.

Its stores in Tennyson Way, Offmore, and Canterbury Road, Habberley, have been collecting money through their Making a Difference scheme since May 2008 and last week handed over £918.04 to opportunities staff and service users.

County Councillor Fran Oborski was also there to receive the donation.

The money will be used by opportunities to buy equipment for Offmore Community Centre, in Gray Close.

The Worcestershire County Council-

run service provides around 120 adults with learning disabilities the opportunity to engage in activities allowing them to be as independent as possible.

The Making a Difference scheme is an initiative launched by Nisa to encourage its stores to add value in their local communities through an annual donation to local causes. Money is raised by selling a special selection of products, marked with the Making a Difference logo.

Senior day centre officer Wendy Price said: "Everyone involved with Wyre Forest Day Opportunities was thrilled when we found out that Offmore Community

Centre was this year's recipient of Nisa's generous scheme. This money is much appreciated and we are currently investigating different ideas to find one that will be of most benefit to our service users."

Store owner Harnaik Sanghera said: "I have the privilege of choosing the beneficiary of the money our Offmore and Habberley stores have raised and I am delighted that Offmore Community Centre are receiving this money. I hope our customers will continue to support the scheme by buying our special Making a Difference products so we can continue to make a difference for our local community."



Service user Paul Edmonds, left, Nisa store owner Harnaik Sanghera, Councillor Fran Oborski, Mrs Baldev Sanghera, Jean Nash, a care assistant at Offmore Community Centre, and service user Simon Robson

We'll find cash pledge as station project snubbed

College games fun day a sweet success

STUDENTS at Kidderminster College combined exercise with tasty treats as part of an end-of-term fun day.

Cadbury visited the college's Market Street campus with their Spots v Stripes event, currently taking place at venues around the country.

As part of their role as London Olympics and Paralympics sponsors, the Birmingham chocolate firm hosted a series of light-hearted contests between members of the stripes and spots teams.

These included keepie uppie, shoe golf, frisbee tiddlywinks and thumb-wrestling.

Free chocolates kept energy levels up and Emma Booton, of the college sports department, said it was a successful day.

"The event went really well and more than 200 students took part," she said.

"Everyone got involved in what was a really active day and our music students provided a compilation soundtrack."



Cadbury games ambassador Rees Criley, left and Cadbury event manager Ross Mill with students, from left, Angharad Rees, George Arnold, Ben Lee and Rebecca Garner

COUNCILLORS have pledged to explore new funding options for Kidderminster Railway Station after the Government decided not to prioritise improvement works on the site.

A £3.5million revamp of the station was due to begin this year, but was first put on hold in July to await the outcome of comprehensive spending review.

Details of the review were released last month and the station wasn't included on a list of projects to receive funding from the Department of Transport.

Now Worcestershire County Council has vowed to step in and help find a solution to what it calls an "extremely important" scheme for Kidderminster.

Network Rail, the Severn Valley Railway, Kidderminster Railway Museum and Wyre Forest District Council have all been in talks with the county council.

Councillor Derek Procter MBE, Worcestershire County Council's cabinet member for transport and safe environment, said discussions

would continue. "We'd like to stress this was one of a number of funding opportunities the county council and its partners have been exploring to deliver the Kidderminster Station scheme," he said.

"This project is extremely important for Kidderminster and Worcestershire as a whole, bringing transport and economic benefits for the area."

"We will continue to work with partners, both inside and outside the rail and transport industries, to explore every funding avenue available, including the Regional Growth Fund and specific rail-based funds, to attempt to make these improvement plans a reality," Councillor Procter added.

Cyclists

The proposed plan splits into four parts, with a new station building and improved passenger facilities planned to complement better access for pedestrians, cyclists and bus and car users.

The link between the station and Severn Valley Railway's station building was also due to be enhanced, as well as changes to the entrance from the A448.

Will offer by town lawyers

WILL Aid has launched a Make a Will Month campaign backed by solicitors to encourage people to put their affairs in order - and raise money for good causes.

During November participating solicitors are drawing up basic wills in exchange for a donation to Will Aid, which fundraises for nine UK charities including the NSPCC, Age UK and the Red Cross.

The charity has found more than 60 per cent of people do not have a will.

Kidderminster and Bewdley law firms participating include MFG Solicitors, Thurstills LLP, Talbots, Family Law Solicitors and Marion Evans Solicitors.

Visit www.willaid.org.uk or call 0300 0300 013 for details or to book an appointment.

Parade times

THE Wolverley Remembrance Sunday parade starts at 10.15am at the Memorial Hall and proceeds to the church at 10.35am. The Cookey parade is at the Bull pub at 6pm.

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Period mansion with own church for sale at £3.5m

A LUXURY Victorian mansion in a Midland village has gone on the market for a cool £3.5 million.

It comes complete with its own chapel, clock tower and stables – and even room for staff quarters in its 34 acres of land.

After 15 years, owners Steve and Caroline Murray are planning to move out of Bell Hall in Belbroughton, near Stourbridge.

It is thought the house, built in the 1850s, was originally used as a hotel.

Despite the price tag, which puts it beyond the budget of most buyers, there have already been three viewings, and estate agents say it is creating "a lot of interest", since it went on the market a week ago.

Mr and Mrs Murray said they were moving away partly for business reasons, and also to downsize as their three children have now left to go to university.

The nine-bedroom mansion overlooks the Cleve Hills, while a disused Grade II-listed Norman chapel sits in the grounds.

Among the outbuildings in the extensive grounds are stables, coach houses and a clock tower with a groom's flat.

The main house offers a drawing room, dressing rooms, office, and vaulted cellars with wine bins.

There are five double bedrooms and five reception rooms, all with high ceilings and original features. To the side of the 12,000 sq ft house is a courtyard with four garages.

Tony Morris-Eytay, of Savills



The stunning and expansive gardens at Bell Hall in Belbroughton

estate agents, said the property is: "The epitome of the perfect country house".

He added: "It is a fantastically well-built house and is in immaculate condition."

"It is also very private and has stunning grounds that look over the rolling hills of the countryside." Mr Morris-Eytay

added: "This really is a magnificent property and we think the combination of grandeur and features makes it worth the impressive asking price."

Viewing is being arranged through Savills.

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A reception room at the £3.5 million Bell Hall, which is on the market

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Bulb plant to light up town

THE nights may be drawing in but one Wyre Forest councillor is already looking ahead to spring after helping plant around 16,000 colourful bulbs.

John Aston joined up with Adrian Leonard, park supervisor for the council, to dig in the plants at two locations in his Aggborough and Spennells ward. Around 9,000 bulbs, mostly daffodils, were planted on Heronswood

Road, with another 7,000 bed in at nearby Swallow Drive.

Councillor Aston said it would improve the look of his ward drastically come next spring.

"It's just to add a bit more colour to the place and it'll look quite spectacular when it's all done," he said.

"People can really look forward to the bulbs coming through next year."



Councillor John Aston and Adrian Leonard

Gipsy caravans must be removed

Church honours war dead

A BEWDLEY church has launched its annual Poppy Festival with locals and the British Legion decorating the church windows with war memorabilia.

The exhibitions at All Saints are open to the public from Thursday (11) to Sunday (14) with donations accepted.

Diane Chater, from the church, said: "The windows have all been beautifully decorated in honour of those involved in the war effort."

"We have a Blitz display, a Dig for Victory window, a navy, RAF and Queen Alexandra nurse's tribute plus paraphernalia including an air raid siren."

Ted Harrison's extensive photo collection from his visits to battlefields, including the Battle of Passchendaele, are also on display.

He said: "I have been on several trips to famous battlefields and always see something different. I think it's important to remember people past and present who have fought for our country."



Ted Harrison, aged 81, launches the appeal at All Saints Church

Entrance to the church on the Kidderminster Road, Wribbenhall, is free and tea or coffee is available. All proceeds go to the Royal British Legion.

Parking fears on agenda

PROBLEMS caused by parking near a bus shelter at a school near Kidderminster are on the agenda for a Partners and Communities Together meeting next week.

PACT meets at Blake-down Primary, Birmingham Road, at 7pm next Tuesday, November 16, to discuss issues arising from parking outside the building.

Replacement of the 30mph sign which had been missing on the approach to Blakedown, and parking on the pavement at locations including Birmingham Road and Belbroughton Road, are also due to be discussed.

PCSO Kate Easthope said: "We encourage residents to attend to discuss any issues they have."

Those wishing to find out more can visit www.westmercia.police.uk

New activities

AGE Concern Herefordshire & Worcestershire is teaming up with Sight Concern Worcestershire to run activities for older people with sight loss. The seven-week project, at the Glades, Kidderminster, started on Tuesday afternoon. To book a place call 01905 740950 ext 104.

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Census offer for temps

PART-TIME and full-time temporary work is on offer to help residents to be involved in getting an accurate snap-shot of the make-up of the county, which will help us and other services to better shape the way we do things in the future," she said.

The count takes place on March 27 and is already generating a wide range of temporary opportunities ranging from managerial positions to roles working in the field.

Diane Tilley, Worcestershire County Council's director of planning economy and performance, is the census liaison manager for the county.

"Working on the census is not

only a flexible way of earning extra income, but will also allow residents to be involved in getting an accurate snap-shot of the make-up of the county, which will help us and other services to better shape the way we do things in the future," she said.

To find out about jobs available visit the <http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/cms/jobs-and-careers/job-microsites/2011-census.aspx> or www.censusjobs.co.uk sites.

Goggles thug hunted

POLICE are appealing for witnesses and information after a 15-year-old boy had his bike stolen in Kidderminster.

The thief knocked him from his cycle at about 4pm on Monday, November 1, as he rode along Greatfield Road and through an alley to Cloughton Street.

A male assaulted him and rode off on the bike, which was recovered in Greatfield Road a short time later.

The offender is white and slim

build, and wore a distinctive white quilted "goggle jacket" that has a hood covering the face and goggles over the eyes.

Det Sgt Pete Wheeler said: "The jacket would have been very noticeable and we would like to hear from anyone who saw the incident or thinks they may know who the offender is."

Witnesses are urged to call DS Wheeler on 0300 333 3000, quoting 514-S-011110.

Deadline for say on next 15 years

RESIDENTS of Wyre Forest are being asked to log on and have their say on future transport plans for their area.

They can go to www.worcestershire.gov.uk/tp3 and find out more about the draft Local Transport Plan 3, which includes proposals for Kidderminster, Stourport, Bewdley and rural areas of the district.

Anyone can register their thoughts on the plans via the feedback section on Worcestershire County Council's website until December 31.

The online form allows people to make comment on specific parts of the plan and its related policies.

Potential plans in Wyre Forest include improvements, investment in highways, walking and cycling infrastructure, passenger transport, traffic management and parking.

The council is required by Central Government to produce Local Transport Plans to set out objectives for developing transport plans.

The draft plan currently being consulted on will cover the period from April 2011 until 2026, although the document will be reviewed regularly.

The draft Local Transport Plan 3 does not include a project specific delivery plan, as transport funding is currently unclear. However, this will be developed during the summer of 2011 once the levels of investment can be ascertained.

The plan will show how transport will be developed across Worcestershire in order to improve services in light of environment and social issues while taking into account local views. A high standard LTP could help in the future when it comes to applying to central government funding for major schemes and other initiatives that could help turn proposals into reality.

Councillor Derek Prodder, cabinet member for transport and safe environment, said: "The proper planning and delivery of an efficient, affordable and multi-modal transport network is essential if we are to achieve what everyone is aiming for Worcestershire - a county with safe, healthy and cohesive communities."

"Transport is a thing that affects each and every one of us on a daily basis so it's vital that people in Wyre Forest get in touch to tell us what they think. Every view will count."

The route will be Vicar Street, across the bottom of High Street to the Bull Ring, Lower Mill Street to the traffic lights on the ring road, then up St Mary's ringway to St Mary's & All Saints Church.

The parade will arrive at St Mary's at 10.50am where there will be a ceremony at the war memorial and then a service inside the church at 11.20am.

Traffic will be stopped on both St Mary's ring road carriageways at 11am as a mark of respect, after which the roads will be re-opened.

The civic party will stop outside Carters bar in Oxford Street, where they will take the salute from the main parade.

Sgt Louise Meeson, of West Mercia Police, said: "The roads will be closed on a rolling basis to minimise disruption."

However, there are likely to be some inevitable delays so we are asking anyone planning to travel on any of the affected roads consider using an alternative route or allow extra time for their journey."

Outdoor opportunities as winter approaches



Don't look down! Climbing is a popular activity at Llanrug, north Wales

WORCESTERSHIRE County Council's Llanrug Outdoor Education Centre is holding an open weekend to give group organisers a taste of what adults can expect at the Outdoor Education Centre in north Wales.

The open weekend begins at 7pm on Friday November 26. For those making their first visit to the centre the cost is £20, while for everyone else the cost is £50. The price includes a full activity programme, two nights bed and breakfast and an evening meal on Saturday.

For more information and to book a place email RShepherd1@worcestershire.gov.uk, log on to www.Llanrug.com, or call Rhianon Shepherd on 01286 672136.

Police plea as thieves strike

AN OPTICIAN'S shop in Kidderminster was among two premises broken into by thieves looking for metal to sell.

West Mercia Police have appealed for witnesses after £2,500-worth of metal was stolen from air conditioning units on the wall of Chapman's Opticians, Coventry Street, between 7pm on Friday, October 22, and midday on Monday, October 25.

The raiders removed metal from inside the units and also took copper piping from the wall.

"We would like to hear from anyone who thinks they saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area and in particular any unusual vehicles parked nearby," police said.

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Prison vote angers MEP

EURO-MP Mike Nattrass has attacked the coalition Government which has been told by the EU to give convicted prisoners the right to vote.

In February, the UKIP MEP for the West Midlands warned that convicted criminals in Britain could be in a position to shape the future of Britain's democracy thanks to interference from the European Union.

The European Court of Human

Rights ruled in 2005 that banning prisoners from voting was a breach of human rights. Now, the Government is looking at giving them the vote.

Mr Nattrass said: "This is a clear case of Parliamentary sovereignty being stripped from Britain by European judges. Convicted criminals should not get the right to vote as they have chosen to act against the law abiding majority."

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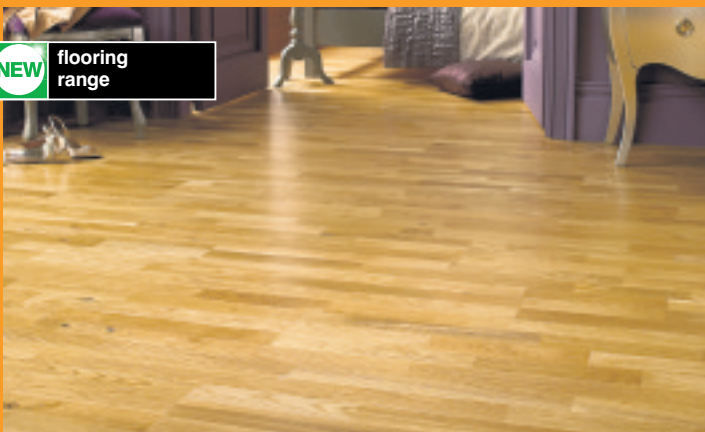
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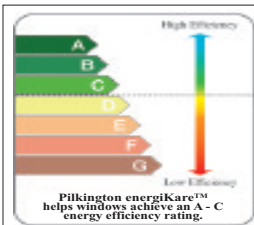
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Seasonal artwork from Burlish Park Primary pupils, from left, Chelsey Cresswell, Logan Hough and Ashley Rigby, all aged eight

Autumn creations by pupils

CREATIVE youngsters in Wyre Forest have been taking advantage of the autumn leaves by making their own seasonal artwork.

Conkers and acorns were also put to good use by children at Burlish Park Primary School, in Windermere Way, Stourport, who were encouraged to create pieces in the style of outdoor environmental artist Andy Goldsworthy.

Parents, grandparents and other Stourport townfolk were invited to the Burlish's Forest School area so that pupils could share their woodland works of art as part art scheme

The National Big Draw. Forest school leader Lynda Williams said: "We looked at some books and photographs of Goldsworthy's work and everyone was really impressed with they saw and loved his style of work."

"We went into our forest school area for the afternoon and the adults and children had a fantastic time together producing their own individual works of art."

Following the afternoon of art families enjoyed sampling fairtrade tea and coffee.

All the proceeds were sent to the Pakistan flood appeal.

Tree route of future with online guide to woodland

NATURE lovers in Worcestershire will be able to "go down to the woods today", thanks to a hi-tech new guide to managing and enhancing local woodlands.

The Worcestershire Woodland Guidelines website was launched on Monday this week by Worcestershire County Council, designed as a practical tool for professionals – such as people working in forestry, planning or agriculture – to manage existing woodlands and create new areas.

But all nature lovers in general can learn a lot from the comprehensive guide, says the county council.

It allows users to explore the landscape characteristics and biodiversity of an area and offers advice about the best ways to maintain and improve that area's woodlands.

Also featured at www.worcestershire.gov.uk/woodland-guide is an online map system that identifies all the county's woodlands.

An interactive overlay function allows users to place a semi-transparent layer over the map to highlight key areas, and they can adjust the transparency to their own liking.

The Worcestershire Woodland Guidelines are part of the county council's long-term work to protect biodiversity and provide a sustainable approach to strategic planning.

The council worked in partnership with the Forestry Commission to make the guidelines comprehensive, and has made them freely available so that other organisations don't have to duplicate the work and can manage woodlands more efficiently.

Effective

Councillor Anthony Blagg, cabinet member for waste and sustainability, said: "I'm extremely proud of the work that's gone into the Worcestershire Woodland Guidelines because our local environment is a valuable natural asset that needs to be managed properly."

"With public sector budget cuts, we're using this kind of technology to make managing our environment more efficient and effective."

"I hope that local people can see that our woodlands are in safe hands and will be maintained and enhanced for years to come, thanks to work like this."

Councillor Blagg added: "I encourage anyone with an interest in our woodlands to take a look online."

Simon West, of Forestry Commission, West Midlands, said: "The Worcestershire Woodland Guidelines will assist us in our decision-making and enable the people of Worcestershire to find out more about the county's woodland."



County Councillor Anthony Blagg

Parliament vote for county teens

MEMBERS of the UK Youth Parliament headed for the capital to debate and vote on various issues in the House of Commons.

MYPs Max Robinson, Elise Hollins and Robert Rietz attended a session accompanied by Worcestershire County Council's Participation and Engagement Team.

Five separate issues were up for discussion, including war, university fees and sex education. Each subject was debated at length with a decision voted on at the end.

The young representatives said they were thrilled to have the opportunity to visit the home of national government.

Elise said: "I was really excited to be sitting on the green benches."

"The buzz was absolutely incredible and I was honoured to be representing the young people of north Worcestershire."

Max said: "Going to the House of Commons and debating in those famous green seats was an



From left, Max Robinson, Robert Rietz and Elise Hollins outside Parliament

absolutely amazing experience.

"It was brilliant watching all my fellow members of UK Youth Parliament speak their minds. I hope to stay another year."

Robert said: "Truly the most momentous event of the year, with appearances from John

Prescott and journalists. Despite the rush of the debates and many MYPs not having time to use their voices, we all managed to contribute in the end by voting.

"I am so thankful to those who elected me as I enjoyed such an amazing opportunity," Robert added.

The UK Youth Parliament is a national initiative supported by Worcestershire County Council which represents young people aged 11-18.

Cabinet

Young people in Wyre Forest are being invited to take part in the next phase of Worcestershire Youth Cabinet and United Kingdom Youth Parliament elections.

A candidate information evening for 11 to 19-year-olds takes place at Kidderminster Youth House next Monday from 6.30pm until 8pm.

Visit www.ycworcs.org.uk or email youth.cabinet@worcestershire.gov.uk to find out more.

Warning to school run dads

LETTERS have been sent to drivers who park dangerously outside a Kidderminster school warning of fines.

Pc Paul Noke said they were endangering other road users and pedestrians while dropping off and collecting children from St Catherine's School, in Marlpool Lane.

He said complaints had been received from other parents and residents, and it had been raised at Franche PACT (Partners and Communities Together) meetings.

PC Noke said officers in a marked police CCTV van saw three vehicles driving on to the pavement. The owners were traced and sent warning letters. He said: "There is a hard core of parents who persist in putting other road users, in particular children, at risk in order to drop off or collect their own children as close to the school entrance as possible."

Store is raided twice on successive weekends

BURGLARS have struck at a Tesco Express in Wyre Forest – the second such raid in a week.

They raided the store in Warbler Place, Kidderminster, between 10.30pm on Saturday, October 30, and 5.30am on Sunday, October 31.

A "substantial" amount of cigarettes and cash were found to be missing, West Mercia Police said.

The offenders broke in and took cigarettes and a substantial quantity of money from the cashpoint at the store – the exact quantity is unknown.

A previous burglary took place

between 10.15pm on Friday, October 22 and 5.30am the next day.

Offenders took cigarettes and four tills containing a large sum of cash from the store.

Det Sgt Marc Sanders said: "We would like to hear from anyone who witnessed any suspicious activity late at night, particularly any unusual vehicles which were parked in the area."

Anyone with information is urged to call DS Sanders on 0300 333 3000 ext 3960, quoting incident reference 329-N-311010, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Chapter one of story time

BISHOP'S WOOD, Worcestershire County Council's Environmental Education Centre near Stourport, hosts a Family Storytelling Workshop on Sunday from 2-4pm.

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Autumn's lingering farewell



An autumnal scene at Arley Arboretum, in School Bank, Arley. Inset: Head gardener Michael Darvill

NATURE lovers visiting Arley Arboretum may get a surprising scent up their nostrils this autumn thanks to an unusually fragrant tree.

Before the golden brown leaves give way to barren winter branches, people are being urged to pay a visit to the arboretum near Bewdley, which is one of the oldest in the UK.

One of the hundreds of trees at the arboretum in School Bank, Arley, is *cercidiphyllum japonicum*, whose fallen leaves give off the fragrance of candyfloss, or cinder toffee.

In addition to trees, the woods play host to fungi, including mushrooms and toadstools, although flora is subject to weather conditions. Bees, butterflies, plants bird and mammals are also thriving this autumn.

Arboretum spokesperson Joss Mus-

grove-Knibb encouraged visitors to discover the many visual treats.

"Many of our trees are very rare and indigenous to other continents or living fossils from pre-history such as the ginkgo biloba."

"But it is perhaps those trees that can often be found in New England, north America, that make our autumn display so dazzling."

"Arley Arboretum and gardens is a perfect spot for a brief visit or a longer day out. Many varieties of plant and tree are also available for sale and our knowledgeable horticultural team are always happy to answer any gardening questions."

The arboretum closed its gates for the winter on November 7, but groups wishing to visit can log to www.arley-arboretum.org.uk to arrange a visit.

Cab fares cash plea just a con

A DOORSTEP conman who fraudulently asked Kidderminster house-holders for cash has been sentenced to a 12-month community order.

Darren Hemmings, aged 41, of Lion Street Kidderminster, appeared before the town's magistrates last Friday and pleaded guilty to three counts of fraud by false representation.

He was ordered to attend a drug rehabilitation programme and to repay money he took from his victims.

It follows three incidents where he called at homes and told the occupiers that he was a builder buying a neighbouring property that was up for sale.

He fraudulently took money from them after claiming that his van had broken down and he needed money for a taxi.

A chance to decide

WORCESTERSHIRE County Council has mounted a campaign to find the next generation of decision makers. Fifteen seats are available on the Worcestershire Youth Cabinet, including two to represent Wyre Forest.

The UK Youth Parliament also has Worcestershire-based seats up for grabs available including one representing Bromsgrove and Wyre Forest.

Informative sessions are being held including one on Monday at Kidderminster Youth House from 6.30pm to 8pm. For more information visit www.ywcworce.org.uk

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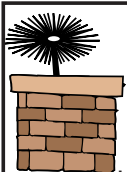
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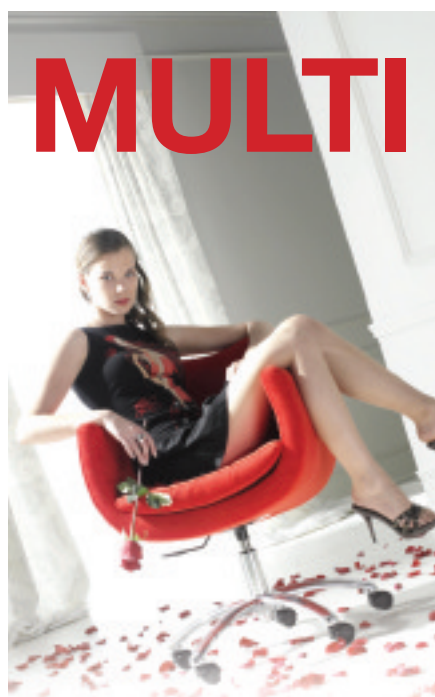
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Robbie Williams

Never mind the rain, we'll keep you smiling

WELL, the weather hasn't been up to much last few days...

It's frighteningly obvious that winter is here and here to stay (it's rented out the guest room and put it's slippers on and everything!)

Despite the weather, we've had a great week on The Wyre with comedian John Shuttleworth and the gorgeous Sophie Ellis-Bextor both popping by for a chin-wag with yours truly. We've got a few more big names up our sleeves so make you you keep on watching this space!

As a music lover, I'm a big fan of seeing sound LIVE! And Saturday, November 20, there's a great opportunity to do just that at St. George's Social Club.

Musical journeyman Chris James will be on stage taking you back to the 60s with a great selection of Soul, Motown and even some Elvis hits. With the winter drawing in and the nights getting darker there's a great night to be had just

up the road.

Here's a chap who doesn't mind the wet weather, Paul Ingenthron, from Kidderminster, is swimming the English Channel in August 2011 to raise money for Cancer Research and Make-A-Wish, in memory of his 14-year-old brother Mike. He needs your help to raise funds, so for more details log onto www.paulswimschannel.org

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That's about it for another week, but remember, through rain, sleet, snow or unforeseen volcanic ashclouds, The Wyre will keep you smiling on the way to work with great songs, a bit of banter and all the latest traffic, travel and local information for North Worcestershire's early risers!

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Kidderminster

A456 Bewdley Road closed between Blakebrook to Proud Cross Ringway at night (6.30pm to 6am) until November 26.

Stourport

Ryvere Close footpath to Dunley Walk closed from November 29 to December 10.

Bewdley

B4190 Kidderminster Road has temporary traffic lights at the Queensway Junction until November 19.

Low Habberley

Habberley Lane is closed between Habberley Road in Kidderminster to Hoarstone Lane in Trimpley November 23-25.

Arley

Button Oak to Arley Road has temporary traffic lights opposite Bannut Tree Farm tomorrow (November 12).

Pound Green

Button Oak to Arley Road has temporary traffic lights opposite Cherry Orchard Farm tomorrow (November 12).

Churchill

Churchill Lane closed from Waggon Lane north from November 22 to December 3.

Hartlebury

A449 Waresley to Torton Road has a speed limit of 40mph and contra flow by the Old Worcester Road until April 1, 2011.

Ombersley

A449 Main Road has a speed limit of 40mph and contra flow between Sinton Lane to Haye Lane until April 3, 2011

Catshill

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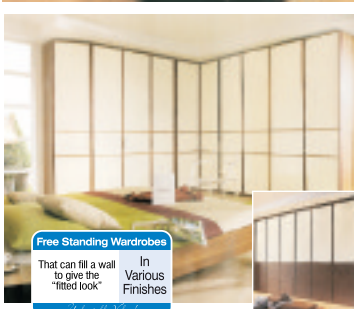
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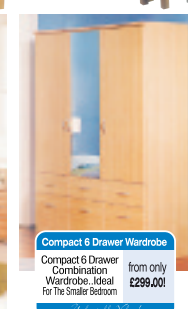
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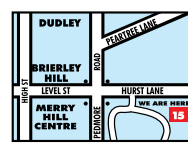
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the pulse



The Urban Folk Quartet will be bringing their mix of traditional tunes from England and Spain to the Palace Theatre, Redditch, on Saturday evening

Fiesta for folk fans

Writer Nigel creams off best of sherry legends

A NEW book on Kidderminster's history has been launched.

Nigel Gilbert's Harveys Kidderminster Cream traces the history of the Kidderminster branch of the wine merchants famous for their Bristol Cream sherry.

The business was established in the town by 1790. After the considerable international success of Harveys, the Midlands branch was no longer needed and was closed in December 1967.

Mr Gilbert's book also tells the story of Harveys' legendary cellars, which were destroyed in 1968, when their historical value was downplayed by local authorities who preferred to take advice from an amateur historian from

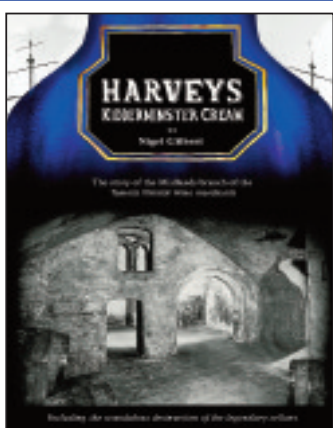
Worcester rather than from Kidderminster's foremost historian.

Mr Gilbert has written several books on Kidderminster, including The Rise and Fall of Franche Hall and Ridiculous Refinement: The Mansions of the Kidderminster carpet barons.

His history of the town was published in 2004 by Phillimore. In recent years he has led the Historic Kidderminster Project, which has produced around 150 historical reports on the town's buildings.

They can be read on the Kidderminster Civic Society's www.kidcivicsoc.org.uk website.

Mr Gilbert's new book had its public launch on Monday at the King Charles Room, Kidderminster.



FROM the heady mix of traditional tunes of England and Spain to the vibrant fusion rhythms of the Birmingham scene come The Urban Folk Quartet.

The band taking to the stage in north Worcestershire on Saturday consists of demon fiddle players Joe Broughton (Albion Band, Feast of Fiddles) and Paloma Trigas (Carlos Nunez) with the irrepressible multi-instrumentalist Frank Moon and storming rhythms from Tom Chapman.

Having been discovered in their teens by legendary artists The Albion band and Carlos Nunez respectively, Joe and Paloma's careers have in many ways taken parallel paths, and both have gained much experience touring the world.

In 2004 they performed their first fiddle duo together to great acclaim and the seeds for The Urban Folk Quartet

were born. Joe and Frank met at the Birmingham Conservatoire School of Music and realised they had a lot of common musical interests.

Finding Tom experimenting with a Cajun based drum set up that provided the full percussion sound that fitted perfectly with the concept of the band, The Urban Folk Quartet was born.

The Urban Folk Quartet won the Spanish International Folk Competition on only their fourth major and played to many sold out audiences on their first UK tour in November 2009.

Their debut album was released this March.

Tickets for the 8pm show can be bought from £10 at the Palace Theatre box office, Alcester Street, Redditch, in person, or by telephone on 01527 65203.

For information about this and other shows visit the www.redditchpalacetheatre.co.uk website.



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**The Saturdays launch
Poppy Appeal 2010**

28 October 2010

The Royal British Legion's 90th Poppy Appeal has been launched today, Thursday 28 October, highlighting its support for the injured, wounded and bereaved of the British Armed Forces serving in Afghanistan.

Under the motto, "Put on a poppy", the national Poppy Appeal was launched at Colchester Garrison with a concert from chart-topping pop sensations The Saturdays for families and personnel of 16 Air Assault Brigade, now on combat operations in Afghanistan.

The 2010 Appeal has a fundraising target of £36m, up from the record £35m raised in 2009. "Despite the current economic times, we trust the great British public will show their support for those who have sacrificed on behalf of their country," said the Legion's Director of National Events and Fundraising Russell Thompson. "We call on the nation to give generously and to wear their poppies with pride."

Jump 4 Heroes, The Royal British Legion's Extreme Human Flight Team, provided a spectacular display of wingsuit flight and precision guidance under red and white poppy canopies. Team Captain Major Alastair Macartney said: "As serving soldiers, we know all too

well how important the Poppy Appeal is for the support of today's Armed Forces and we are very proud to be a part of it." Emma-Jayne Webster, the fiancée of a young soldier who was killed in Afghanistan last year, and Gunner Mark Stonelake, a soldier who lost a leg fighting in Afghanistan, also attended the launch. Both feature on this year's Poppy Appeal posters at more than 6,000 locations across the UK and on national television ads. Colchester Garrison is future home to one of four Personnel Recovery Centres that The Royal British Legion will be operating in partnership with the British Army. The Legion will also build, equip and operate the Battle Back Challenge Centre for adventure training and adaptive sports. Both projects will cost the Legion at least £25m, "and we are confident the British public will support this important work enough to provide us the means to provide for our injured heroes," said Mr Russell. With the assistance of British Forces Broadcasting, the Poppy Appeal launch also arranged for video messages from soldiers serving with 16 Air Assault Brigade to be relayed to some 800 family members watching from inside the Cpl Budd VC Gymnasium at Colchester Garrison in Essex.

Essex-born member of The Saturdays, Frankie Sandford said: "It's great to be back in Essex performing for the families living at Colchester Garrison. I really admire and respect our Armed Forces and their families, I think what they do is incredible."

Rochelle Wiseman, another Essex-born member of the group, added: "It's humbling to be asked to help launch this year's Poppy Appeal. We will do anything we can do to support the Poppy Appeal and our brave Armed Forces and their families."

"The Royal British Legion is the leading UK charity providing direct, practical support to the British Armed Forces heroes and their families," said Legion National President, Lieutenant General Sir John Kiszely KCB MC. "The past nine years of conflict have increased the need for our help, both today and for years to come."

The Legion has provided immediate financial help to more than 10,000 Service personnel who have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and their families. "We represent one-third of all the appeals for higher compensation payments for injuries suffered in Afghanistan," Lt Gen Sir John Kiszely added. "And our campaigns have led to increased compensation awards which have placed an extra £12 million in the pockets of the most seriously injured."

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Four couples, three bedrooms one row – and that illicit kiss

THEATRE

REAL-LIFE husband and wife team Juliet Mills and Maxwell Caulfield will star in Peter Hall's critically-acclaimed production of *Bedroom Farce*, one of Alan Ayckbourn's most popular comedies, at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Tuesday to Saturday following its recent run in London's West End.

Juliet Mills' prolific career highlights include *Wild at Heart*, *Oh! What a Lovely War*, *The Elephant Man* and Billy Wilder's *Avanti!* for which she was nominated for a Golden Globe for Best Actress.

Her Hollywood husband Maxwell Caulfield is best known for his starring roles in *Dynasty*, *The Colbys* and *Grease 2*. Most recently Caulfield played smooth-talking millionaire Mark Wyke in *Emmerdale*, whose dramatic demise created one of the biggest soap storylines of last year.

The cast also features Bruce Montague, a renowned TV and theatre actor whose credits include playing Leonard in *Carla Lane's* sitcom *Butterflies*; Claire Wilkie, a soap regular who played Sandra Di Marco in *EastEnders*; Oliver Boot, a prolific theatre actor whose TV

credits include *Holby City*, *Two Pints of Lager* and a *Packet of Crisps* and *Hotel Babylon*; Julia Mallam and Ayden Callaghan who are best known for their roles as Dawn Woods and Miles De Souza in *Emmerdale*.

The action focuses on four couples in three bedrooms, with two celebrations, one blazing row and an illicit kiss (or two). Musical sci-fi spoof *Return To The Forbidden Planet* is presented by Bilston Operatic Company at the Grand until Saturday.

Scaramouche Jones is back by popular demand at Wolverhampton's Arena Theatre, where a sold-out production got standing ovations two years ago. An eloquent blend of drama, comedy and brutality, it follows Jones' globe-trotting odyssey as the son of a prostitute in the West Indies, via Africa and Venice to a concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Poland and then England 1999. It is staged tonight (Thurs).

Canteen

Mig Theatre bring *Kiss Me Like You Mean It*, a poignant and controversial play by Torchwood and Doctor Who writer Chris Chibnall, which is set during a party in a Manchester terrace house, at the Arena tomorrow (Fri). It is described as not suitable for children.

Penny Dreadful present *The Missionary's Position*, a comedy about a 1930s comedian turned clergyman who got too close to the prostitutes he was trying to 'save', on Tuesday.

The Dinner Lady Man, staged by Something And Nothing at the Arena on Wednesday (17), tells of a middle-aged former builder who causes consternation when he joins the all-female staff at a school canteen. Gerald Logan performs Shakespeare's narrative poem *The Rape of Lucrece*, about the impact of the terrible crime on victim and perpetrator, at the Arena on Thursday (18).

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Don Black's 1981 song cycle *Tell Me On A Sunday*,

originally a star vehicle for Marti Webb, has been remodeled for Liverpoolian singer and actress Claire Sweeney. The short show, it lasts just over an hour, is about an English woman searching for love in America. It is staged for one night only at Birmingham's Alexandra Theatre on Tuesday.

It is a week of one-nighters at the Alex including tomorrow (Fri) *Motown on Tour*, a tribute to the legendary soul label; Sunday, Young Gifted & Phat, Blue Mountain's play is a comedy drama set at a Jamaican beauty pageant for the larger lady.

Welsh National Opera present Mozart's *The Magic Flute* at Birmingham Hippodrome tonight (Thurs) and on Saturday. Dominic Cooke's fantastical two hour and 50 minutes production features fabulous beasts. WHO tomorrow (Fri) present a new production of Beethoven's *Fidelio*. Giuseppe Frigeni's powerful prison-set production will be

sung in German with English surtitles.

The Hippodrome will then go dark to prepare for festive treat, Birmingham Royal Ballet's *Cinderella*, which opens on November 24. BRB Director David Bintley's new production of the classic fairy tale, with music by Prokofiev, marks the company's 20th anniversary year based in Birmingham.

Birmingham Stage Company bring Phillip Pullman's children's fantasy *The Firework Maker's Daughter* to the stage at Birmingham Old Rep, in Station Street, until November 28. Tinker's Farm Opera stage a new version of *The Merry Widow* at The Crescent Theatre in Birmingham tonight to Saturday.

Two hard-hitting plays are presented at Birmingham Repertory Theatre until Saturday. In the main house *The Big Fall* tells of a New York fireman who joins the IRA; whilst *The Royal Court's* controversial new play *The Author* is a savage satire on modern theatre.



Tell Me On A Sunday at the Alex stars Liverpoolian singer and actress Claire Sweeney

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New Yorker Why G (Yogi

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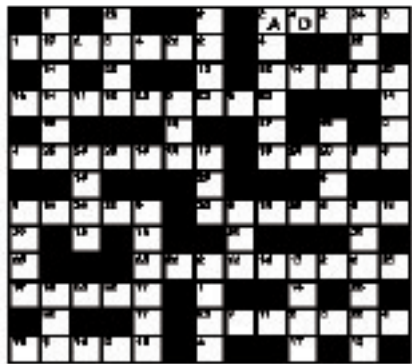
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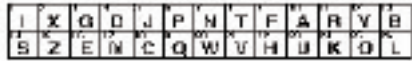


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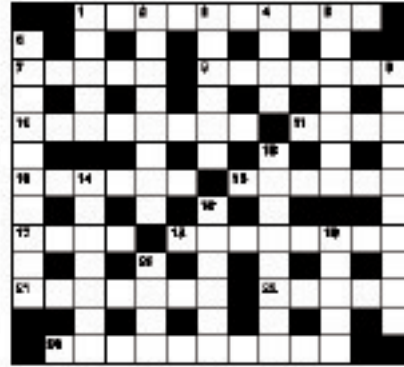
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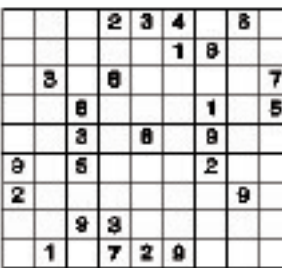
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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:
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Jarrod (Eric Balfour) and Elaine (Scottie Thompson) make a run for it

Fight for survival in alien onslaught

CINEMA

AFTER a late night party, a group of friends in Los Angeles are awakened in the dead of the night by an eerie light beaming through the window.

Like moths to a flame, the light source is drawing people outside before they suddenly vanish into thin air. That's the set up for apocalyptic new science fiction thriller *Skyline*, which opens at cinemas tomorrow (Fri), a special effects bonanza blending elements of *Cloverfield*, *The Mist*, *War of the Worlds*, *Independence Day* and *Close Encounters*.

The friends soon find themselves in a fight for survival as the world unravels around them in a terrifying alien onslaught.

Eric Balfour (from 24) stars alongside David Zayas (*Dexter*), with Donald Faison (*Scrubs*), Brittany Daniel (*Sweet Valley High*) and Neil Hopkins (*Lost*). *Skyline* is directed by brothers Colin Strause and Greg Strause, written by Liam O'Donnell and Joshua Cordes.



In the film strange lights descend on the city of Los Angeles

DISNEY SPECIAL

Still magic after all these years

Disney On Ice 100 Years of Magic. NIA

It is 100 years since Walt Disney was born and next week it will be 72 years since Mickey Mouse made his movie debut... so I can only assume that the 100 Years of Magic is part of a decade-long celebration of the studio's movie magic. Whatever the theme, the latest Disney ice spectacular does live up to the hyperbole - it is a visual treat full of colourful costumed characters and featuring thrilling skating.

Mickey and Minnie Mouse, with some help from the accident-prone Goofy, introduce a cavalcade of favourite Disney songs and moments. It begins in eye-catching style with the Genie from *Aladdin* duplicating himself into a fast skating chorus line of 20 blue genies. Then a *Finding Nemo* segment brings back some of the surreal fish costumes, including a menacingly toothy Bruce the Shark, that delighted Disney ice show regulars last year.

The castle set came into its own for a *Beauty and the Beast* excerpt which became a tribute to the Disney princesses as Belle and her Prince were joined on the ice by Cinderella and Prince Charming, Princess Jasmine and Aladdin, Ariel and Prince Eric, Pocahontas and John Smith, and finally Snow White and her Prince for a series of superbly danced duets.

A big cheer greeted the arrival of Woody, Jessie and Buzz Lightyear, joined by the toy soldier of *Toy Story* before the first half ended in dazzling style with a tribute to a favourite Disney theme parks institution It's A Small World.

The anarchic Stitch sadly made an all-too-brief appearance after the interval but then the audience were treated to a tribute to old school classic *Pinocchio*, probably the most magical portion of the show when Jiminy Cricket croons *When You Wish Upon A Star* as the fairy descends from her star to turn the puppet into an 'almost real' boy. After being led astray *Pinocchio* made amends by rescuing his father from the belly of the giant whale *Monstro*.

The whale was good but the dragon was better in the fast-paced potted version of *Mulan*, in which snow fell onto the rink as Mulan's Chinese troops battled the Huns. The *Incredibles* showed their super powers before the most popular part of the show, *The Lion King* with Hankuma Matata and the gorgeously costumed Simba and Nala dancing to *Can You Feel The Love Tonight?*

You could certainly feel the love for the whole Disney experience as the huge cast returned for a big firework finale. *Disney On Ice* continues to celebrate the magic at the NIA to Sunday, November 14. LEON BURAKOWSKI



Mickey and Minnie Mouse introduced a cavalcade of favourite Disney moments

CD REVIEWS

Seasons Of My Soul: Rumer

What a very special voice. Rumer (seen right) has been compared to Karen Carpenter and Laura Nyro and her soft, yet sturdy, tones deserve to be mentioned in such legendary company.

Slow, the third and finest song on this debut album, is the perfect showcase. It is gorgeous and will be a huge hit. This is a warm album that feels as though it has been written from experience rather than by committee. It is an engaging set of songs from the 31-year-old singer/songwriter (real name Sarah Joyce, her stage name is a tribute to children's author Rumer Godden).

Whilst none quite match the wonderful *Slow*, which featured on an EP which introduced this singer who comes from Pakistan by way of the New Forest, they deserve time to work their way under the skin - particularly the laid-back dreamy *Come To Me High*, the spine-tingling *On My Way Home* and the Norah Jones-ish *Arretha*.

Rumer is to appear in concert at Birmingham's Glee Club on December 13. Given the release of this album, her appearances with Jools Holland and on Elton John's *Electric Prom...* it's likely to be the hottest ticket in town this festive season.



by Leon Burakowski

The Wanted: The Wanted

Watch out JLS this five-piece (Jay, Nathan, Tom, Siva and Max) are impressive new kids on the block. The *Wanted's* debut album opens with a cracking pop song, *All Time Low*, which bounces off the album and into your brain, where it will stay.

Heart *Vacancy* is more of a standard ballad with its harmonies and boys together chorus and *High and Low* is almost choral. However, it remains apparent that these lads are a million miles away from the 'stand-up-for-the-key-change' school of dewy-eyed balladry.

The *Wanted* live up to their promise to bring sexy back to boy bandism with come on song *Let's Get Ugly* which cheekily uses the famous refrain from Ennio Morricone's western movie theme *The Good The Bad and The Ugly*. Say It On The Radio is a rocker whilst *Golden* is an interestingly strange almost-indie rock song. The emphasis is back on the dancefloor for *Weakness* before the double salvo of potential hits, *Behind Bars* and *Made*. A lot of people are going to want *The Wanted*.

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DV59ZVR	Colt 3 Dr	1.1 CZI MANUAL	PORCELAIN WHITE	5000	£7,995	£5,995	£2,000	HN06VBV	Megane	1.6 PRIVILEGE V	Blue	20000	£5,699	£4,995	£704
DV59ZVP	Colt 5 Dr	C22 1.3 CLEAR T	Blue	4000	£9,495	£7,995	£1,500	BT08WZH	Astra	ELITE	Beige	14153	£8,495	£7,995	£500
DY10XTB	Lancer 4 Dr	LANCER 1.8 GS3	ORIENT RED	2500	£12,997	£12,495	£502	MF56YJY	207	1.4 SE 87 5 DOO	Blue	13156	£6,699	£5,995	£704
DY10YYJ	ASX	1.8 3 DIESEL 2WD	Kingfisher Blue	4500	£20,364	£15,995	£4,369	BD08SNF	Agila	AGILA DESIGN AUTO	Red	14004	£7,495	£6,995	£500
DP10XNG	Shogun	3.2 DI-D LWB ELEGANCE AUTO	ORIENT RED	8000	SOLD			BP07CEO	207	1.4 SPORT 87 3DOOR	Orange	17477	£6,995	£5,995	£1,000
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WX10JVK	Lancer 4 Dr	LANCER EVO X GSR SST 330	Blue	2500	SOLD			E605LJV	Getz	1.6 SPORT 3 DOOR	Blue	23207	£4,294	£3,495	£799
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CU08LTA	Outlander	2.0 DI-D WARRIOR	COOL SILVER	9172	£18,995	£17,495	£1,500	BG55CHL	S-Type	2.7 SPORT DIESEL	GREEN	30000	£12,995	£11,995	£1,000
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Prices for the new model will start from £24,495, and savings of up to £3,005 are available compared with the old range.

With more than 1.2 million sold over the last 26 years, the Espace continues to attract customers through a winning combination of interior flexibility, luxury and refinement.

These values are enhanced still further in the latest version, principally through new equipment and revised diesel engines. The original MPV from Renault now comes with LED technology, while its new headlights harmonise with the striking new Pearl Blue body colour and gloss black exterior trim details.

On the inside, it also now benefits from

the Carminat TomTom Live real-time satellite navigation system. In keeping with the times, the CO2 emissions of the core-range dCi 150 engine have been slashed by 18g/km from 188 to 170g/km, thanks notably to work on combating friction and carefully-selected gear ratios.

A new range structure makes Espace's emblematic positioning as a practical, high-end MPV easier for customers to understand.

Expectations

The Dynamique TomTom delivers a high standard of safety and comfort-enhancing features which match the expectations of families and business users seeking seven identically comfortable seats and a modular interior layout.

Its extensive list of features includes sport-style upholstery featuring extra side support and exclusive Teflon protection, the fully-integrated Carminat TomTom

Live navigation, as well as a new gloss black interior trim. In addition to the high levels of core equipment, one of Espace's key strengths, its almost limitless modularity, remains intact, thanks to 10 aluminium tracks in the floor which enable the interior and boot space to be adapted in line with the number of passengers and luggage being carried.

On the outside, the headlights now incorporate LED daytime running lights and the range of seven body colours includes a new, striking Pearl Blue. Renault Espace's premium positioning is further underpinned by its new 17-inch Eptius and Novadis alloy wheels.

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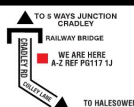
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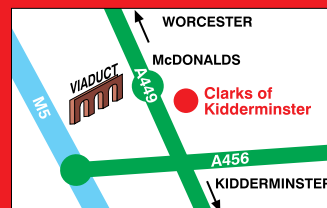
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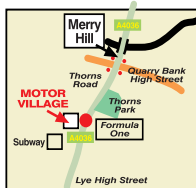
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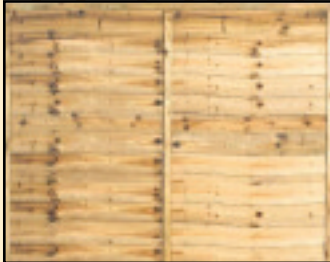
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Harriers in peril as £160,000 black hole looms

CASH-strapped Kidderminster Harriers predicted this week that they face a £160,000 black hole if their financial crisis does not improve.

New bosses are set to make cutbacks and urged supporters to help claw back the cash at a packed meeting at Aggborough.

Harriers were bought last month by former chairman David Reynolds, who claimed the club was £250,000 in debt and on the brink of administration. Fans have been asked to help raise £50,000 to pay creditors.

Director Mark Serrell confirmed that the Blue Square Premier outfit could suffer a shortfall of between £140,000-£160,000 by next May.

"The shortfall is what is presently being predicted taking into account the measures we are planning. Obviously we are hoping this will change as more money comes in through planned schemes and with the support of fans."

"There is a lot of work to be done, but measures are being put in place to take the club into the future. We are asking the supporters to help us and to trust us," Serrell said.

More than 150 supporters quizzed the board on how the club had sunk into such a financial slump, and Serrell blamed a lack of control of day-to-day expenditure.

Meetings are to be held with potential

investors, and Kidderminster Harriers Supporters' Trust has launched a lottery.

Long-time fan and former director Peter Fryer, aged 64, from Kidderminster, wanted to know how the club had got into such trouble.

"If money has been a problem for so long, why were we not told about it before? I'm sure most of us would be willing to support the club, within our means. It is just a shock it has got this far."

Supporter Jim Price, 39, from Worcester, asked if players could be kept on for longer, as most tended to be sold at the end of the season. "This would perhaps keep the fans coming in."

Kate returns to golden triumph

Fran fires five in seven-goal victory spree

AFTER spending much of the year on the sidelines with a shoulder injury, Samurai Judo Club's Kate Walker was back on the mat at the Scottish Open Championships.

And what a weekend it was for her, coming away from Glasgow with the senior women's gold.

There was plenty for fellow club player Sarah Biles to smile about, taking silver in the junior and bronze in the senior.

She started strongly in the under 20s competition with some particularly good groundwork. A series of maximum point wins took her into the final against a Scottish girl.

Sarah looked favourite to win and dominated the first half of the match, and then threw her opponent for what looked like maximum points right on the edge of the contest area.

The line judge gave it "in", but the referee over ruled him and controversially declared the throw void. Sarah continued to dominate and attack, but was then caught by a late attack and held on the ground and so had to settle for silver.

The full senior section was on Sunday, where Kate's brother, Tom, was first up to compete.

His first opponent was a powerful Swedish player. Tom dominated the early exchanges but then made a small mistake by attacking his opponent's far leg and was countered for maximum points.

In his next contest, he was up against a good player from the Irish Republic but did really well to win with an excellent sacrifice throw for maximum points.

His last contest was against a top British player and Tom led by an early score and then had a strong shout for a maximum score before losing to a good groundwork move which eliminated him from the event.

Sarah faced a tough field in the senior section. Her first opponent was Polish but Sarah quickly dominated



Gold winner Kate Walker, left, with brother Tom Walker and Sarah Biles, who gained silver and bronze medals

the contest and then won superbly on the ground.

Some more good work saw her into the semi-final, where she was up against the British number one who is also a former world medalist. Sarah dominated the early gripping but her opponent craftily took them to the ground and then used her far superior strength to overwhelm Sarah.

She now had one contest left for the bronze against another physically strong player, but Sarah totally controlled the contest and showed good tactics and plenty of determination and the referees unanimously awarded her the contest at the end of the match to give her an excellent and unexpected bronze medal at senior

level. This also meant that she now has a top six place in the British senior rankings, giving her a place at the British Senior Trials in January.

There was plenty of expectation when Kate stepped on the mat. Her main two rivals for the Olympic place at under 63 kilos were not present, but all of the chasing pack were there, plus some strong European players.

Her first two contests were against the eventual bronze medalists, so it looked like a tough start, but Kate made it look easy.

When standing, she totally dominated both the grips and the movement. The only way her opponents could stop her from throwing them was to take her to the ground, only to

discover that this was an even more horrible situation.

Maximum point score followed maximum point score, both standing and on the ground, and soon Kate was in the final. As this was against a Scottish player, the good-natured but partisan crowd tried to lift the local girl, but Kate was again rampant.

A beautiful dummy into a backwards throw gained a high score and she moved seamlessly into a ground-hold. Although the other girl's name was Potter, she had no magic wand and was unable to move an inch.

Kate had the gold and announced in no uncertain terms to the British judo world that she is back in business.

Scores galore with triple hat-tricks

KCS 67 MOSELEY OAK 36

After breezing through the first round of the North Mids Shield against Telford, KCs again faced opposition from a lower league in the second round but found Moseley Oak a tougher nut to crack.

Although they ran in 11 tries, with brothers Layton and Craig Wilkinson and skipper John Mounter all scoring a hat-trick of touchdowns, they conceded five themselves in a performance which highlighted their attacking potential but also exposed alarming defensive frailties.

Moseley opened the scoring with a penalty confidently knocked over by their fullback. KCs hit back immediately with No 8 Layton Wilkinson making good yardage from a scrum inside Mose 22 to set up a ruck, which created an opening for fullback Nick Martin to come into the line and cross for a try. A strong burst by Chris Baldwin set up Mounter for a try, converted by Andy McLellan. Two five metre scrums saw Wilkinson plunge over on both occasions to establish a 22-3 advantage.

Some slipshod defending let in Moseley at the left corner flag but the KCs' forward superiority enabled the unstoppable Wilkinson to complete his hat-trick from another five metre scrum. McLellan's conversion stretched the lead to 29-8.

More loose defending allowed the visitors another try but slick handling by KCs saw centre Craig Wilkinson cross for a score, which took them into the break 34-15 ahead. Within a minute of the restart Craig Wilkinson and Mounter executed a neat scissors move to give the new captain his second try, converted by McLellan.

Ten minutes later Moseley were spared further punishment when juggernaut No 8 Wilkinson was substituted and the relieved visitors ran a tap penalty through KCs' almost non-existent midfield defence

for their third try. Ten minutes later Mos were given the freedom to cross the line again. Both tries were converted to reduce the deficit to 41-29. Craig Wilkinson then got his second touchdown and Mounter added an interception try shortly after.

McLellan converted both then scored himself when he latched onto a Mounter grubber kick. His conversion put KCs ahead 62-29 but Moseley took advantage of more flimsy defending for a fifth try. The aggregate score went past 100 when Craig Wilkinson rounded it off when tired opposition gifted him a try under the posts but the conversion was pulled wide.

OLD SALTS 0 KIDDERMINSTER CAROLIANS 55
KC's ran in nine tries in this cup game, which the referee finished it 10 minutes early once the score hit 55. Try scorers: Joe Carey Jenkins, 3, Mitchell Dwyers, 2, Dan Cooper, 2, Miles Perry and Liam Harrison. Conversions: David biset, 4, Dwyers, 1.

OLTON 2ND XI 0 STOURPORT 1ST XI 1

STOURPORT Ladies 1st XI moved up a place in the Midland 1st Division, when they beat their hosts, Olton 2nd XI, 1-0.

The opening half was an evenly matched affair with both sides barely troubling either goalkeeper.

Stourport stepped the pace in the second half, pressing the newly-relegated Olton defence, while their defence led by their player of the match Katie Miller, stayed solid.

The pressure final paid off for the visitors when Jodi Vincent unleashed a fantastic reverse stick shot, which found the back of the goal. Both teams continued to create chances but the strike from Vincent proved to be the decider, as the visitors held out to take home a well deserved three points.

CANNOCK 2ND XI 4 STOURPORT 2ND XI 0.

Two goals either side of half time sealed the fate of Stourport ladies 2nd XI as their hosts Cannock 2nd XI, recorded a 4-0 victory in this Midland Feeder West match.

With their hosts Cannock battling for top spot in the division, this was always going to be a tough match for Stourport.

It was no surprise when the home side began by pressing the Stourport defence hard, with the opening goal arriving from open play after 10 minutes.

It was not all one way traffic though, and despite going further behind after 25 minutes, the visitors did press Cannock at times but were unable to gain anything for their efforts.

Stourport stepped up the pace in the second half, taking the game to Cannock at times, but again despite creating the chances the visitors were unable to convert them.

Cannock, too, were finding it difficult in front of goal, with Stourport's player-of-the-match, Sarah Taylor, having a strong second half performance in defence. Along with Becky Urch and Shelley Tromans in the middle of the pitch, she helped to keep Cannock at bay.

However, the visitors could not hold out for ever, and with 10 minutes remaining they unfortunately conceded a further two goals. The first came when the Stourport keeper mistakenly thought the ball was going wide, and the second resulted from a disputed short corner. But what could not be disputed was the destination of the three points.

DRITOWICH 1ST XI 3 STOURPORT 3RD XI 7

Stourport ladies 3rd XI consolidated their position in the Worcestershire 1st Division when, with the help of five goals by captain Fran Moss, they beat their hosts Droitwich 1st XI, 7-3.

The visitors took the advantage early on with the first of Moss's blitz, which she converted from a short corner. By the end of the first half she had completed her hat-trick, but the home side were still within touching distance of Stourport having scored two goals in reply.

However, Stourport, showed great composure and steamed ahead in the second half. Two more goals from, Stourport's joint player of the match Moss confirmed the visitors superiority, and then things got worse for

Droitwich, who are currently sitting bottom of the league, when a run by Bethan Merriman, from midfield, resulted in a pass to Louise Bagnall who converted her teams sixth goal. A seventh and final goal, by Stourport's other player of the match Louise Marshall, who converted after lifting the ball over the keeper into the goal, finally killed off any fighting spirit left in the Droitwich side.

STOURPORT 4TH XI 5 HARBORNE 5TH XI 1

Despite beating visitors Harborne 5ths 5-1, at The Kingsway, the 5ths remain sixth, one point below Bournville 3rds, in the Worcestershire 2nd Division.

The home side dominated this match but found themselves frustrated by the Harborne keeper, who played exceptionally well. Despite this, thanks to goals from Lorna Hawthorne, Teresa Moss and Chey West, the home side, were three goals up without reply at the break.

Stourport continued the second half in similar vein with their player of the match, Katie Knott, making some excellent runs into the opposing circle, to give the hosts plenty of scoring opportunities. However, they only managed to convert two more of these chances through Teri Baron and Rosie Connolly. Harborne managed to pull one back, to leave the score 5-1.

STOURPORT 5TH XI 0 BOURNVILLE 3RD XI 3

Stourport ladies 5th XI had every right to feel a bit hard done by their 3-0 defeat by visitors Bournville 3rd XI, in their Worcestershire 3rd Division match.

The result had no semblance of reflection of the balance or the quality of play that Stourport produced.

They were always the better side but could not find anybody to turn their attacking play into goals.

In the 10th minute a Bournville player broke from the back, taking the ball the length of the field, evading a challenge from the Stourport defence.

She swept the ball out to the left and then into the goal, past youngster Lily Harrison-Perkins in the Stourport goal. She made a number of good saves throughout the match but unfortunately could not do anything on this occasion.

The home side continued to press forward seeking out an equaliser in the second half. However, Bournville scored again on 20 minutes. A shot from a short corner, the second of two in quick succession, found its way through a crowd of players, and was deflected off a Stourport stick past the keeper and into the goal.

None of this deterred the home side from trying to pull themselves back into the match. Even when a third Bournville goal went in five minutes later there was still time for Stourport to pull something out of the bag.

They nearly did when Karen McIntyre sent in a shot from a short corner, only for it to go agonizingly wide of the post. And that just about summed this match up for Stourport, for no matter how much they tried they just could not get the ball into the back of the Bournville goal.

Stourport's players of the match were Sandra Barlow and Charlotte Wypier-Price.

Yellow triumph

KIDDERMINSTER Golf Club's ladies yellow ball competition results were: 1st, Sandra Hinton, Pauline Evans, Janet Murphy 73 points; 2nd, Jill Randle, Janet Biggs, Jill Yates, 63 points; 3rd, Di Pope, Pat Clarke, Lilian Weaver, 61 points

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